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PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Miles Chapman
Bachelor of Arts, Music Studies, '25

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
President Kathy E. Johnson, Ph.D.
The University of New Orleans

HONORARY SPEAKER
Julie S. Stokes
CEO, Flame Consulting
CFO, Stokes & Associates
President & CEO, Ellevate Louisiana
Bachelor of Science, Accounting, '92

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
David Carney III
Bachelor of Science, Management, '20

Letter from the President

Dear Graduates,
This is a truly momentous occasion, and I am confident that you will remember this milestone for the rest of your life. It is my privilege to participate in the celebration of your success. I hope that you will cherish your time spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connection that you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever. Please know that we, the entire University of New Orleans community, are immensely proud of your accomplishments.

Each degree earned represents years of determination by a graduate who persisted, regardless of academic challenges, financial obstacles, work obligations or family responsibilities. I want to draw special attention to the graduates who first enrolled in the fall or spring of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. Many of you did not have a true high school graduation ceremony. You entered UNO at a tumultuous time when everything was different and very few of your interactions were face-to-face. Hardships were omnipresent. But you persevered and now you are graduating. I could not be more thrilled to honor you and your indomitable spirit at this commencement ceremony.

Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support our alumni in any way possible, and I hope that you will continue to engage with us. While you may feel as though you have concluded your education, the truth is we are never finished learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is endlessly fascinating and fulfilling. If we can be part of your future educational pursuits, whether it be another degree or graduate education, please let us know.

My aspiration is for you to achieve success—however you define it, to find your passion in your life and in your career, and for you to do what you can to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with others at the University of New Orleans is the foundation for the next phase of your life. You have now earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go. I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

Dr. Kathy Johnson, President
The University of New Orleans

University of New Orleans Mission Statement

The University of New Orleans is an urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, many of which are uniquely linked to the rich and vibrant city of New Orleans. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, advances shared knowledge and enhances the sustainability and quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, community-engaged learning, cultural and academic activities.

Commencement Speaker: Julie S. Stokes

University of New Orleans alumna Julie Stokes is a Certified Public Accountant, small business owner, policy advocate and civic leader. She is the 2017 winner of UNO's Homer L. Hitt Distinguished Alumni Award, a former state legislator and a current member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Stokes is the co-owner and chief financial officer of Stokes & Associates, a vocational rehabilitation and life care planning company that she owns with her husband, Larry Stokes, who is also a UNO graduate. They have grown the firm from two employees in 1998 to more than 50 employees today. Stokes served in the Louisiana Legislature for seven years, where she developed a reputation as a passionate advocate for cancer patients and a respected voice for comprehensive, non-partisan fiscal policy. After leaving public office in 2020, she launched Flame Consulting to continue advancing initiatives aligned with her commitment to good governance and better health outcomes. Through Flame Consulting, she founded Ellevate Louisiana—an organization dedicated to empowering women leaders across the state by educating and connecting them around the most pressing policy issues facing Louisiana. Ellevate hosts annual events and facilitates deep, non-partisan policy discussions through six focused committees.

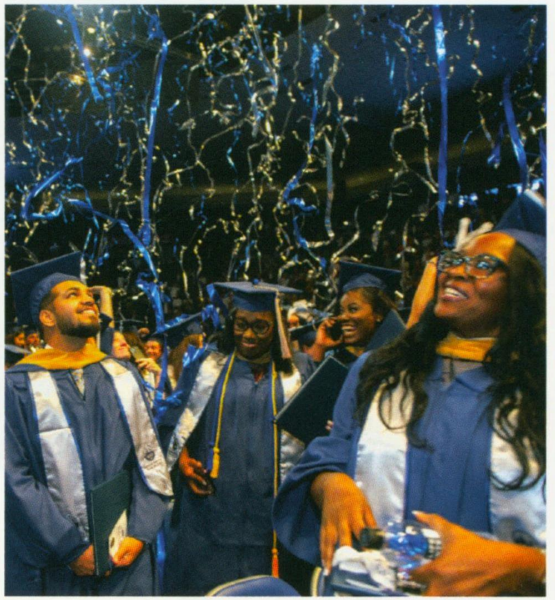
As a cancer survivor, Stokes brings personal perspective and purpose to her advocacy. She represents the Louisiana Oncology Society at the legislature and founded the Survivor's

Cancer Action Network (SCAN), a committee within Ellevate Louisiana that unites survivors, advocates and clinicians to identify policy solutions that enhance the patient experience and expand access to cutting-edge cancer care across the state. In addition to her work on the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, she also serves on the executive committee of Leaders for a Better Louisiana, the state's premier business roundtable.

Stokes graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Orleans in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes undergraduate students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. The three designations in this category are: summa cum laude (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; magna cum laude (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.700-3.899; and cum laude (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.699. A student may also graduate with University Honors. This achievement requires the student to earn 18 credit hours of honors-qualifying coursework, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in their major and at least a 3.25 overall. To graduate with University Honors with Thesis requires the same requirements as University Honors with the addition of a six-credit hour senior honors thesis in their major (applying toward the 18 credit hours of honors qualifying coursework).



Where We're From!

States | Spring 2025 graduating classes from Louisiana and the following 27 U.S. states and territories:

Alabama
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Illinois
Indiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
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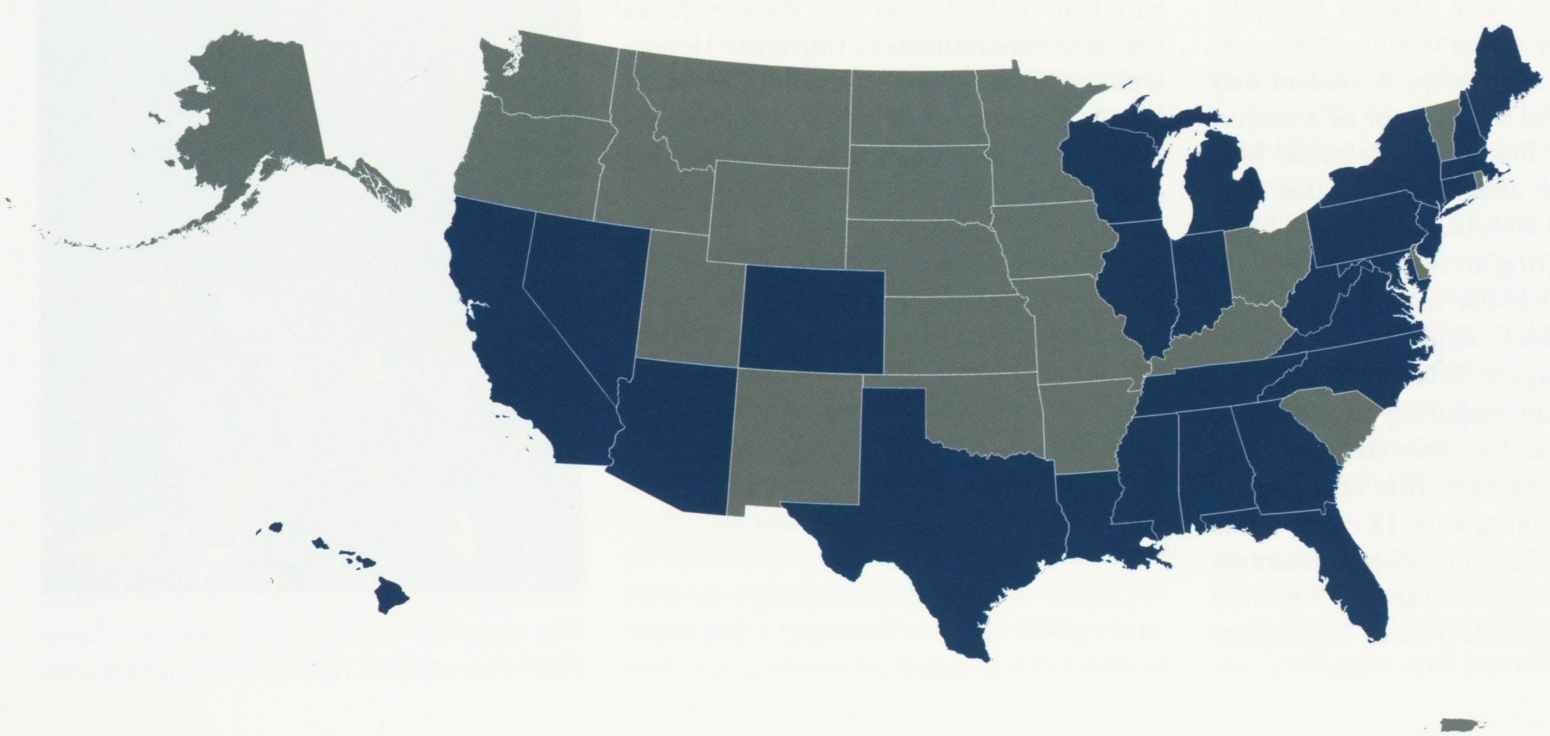
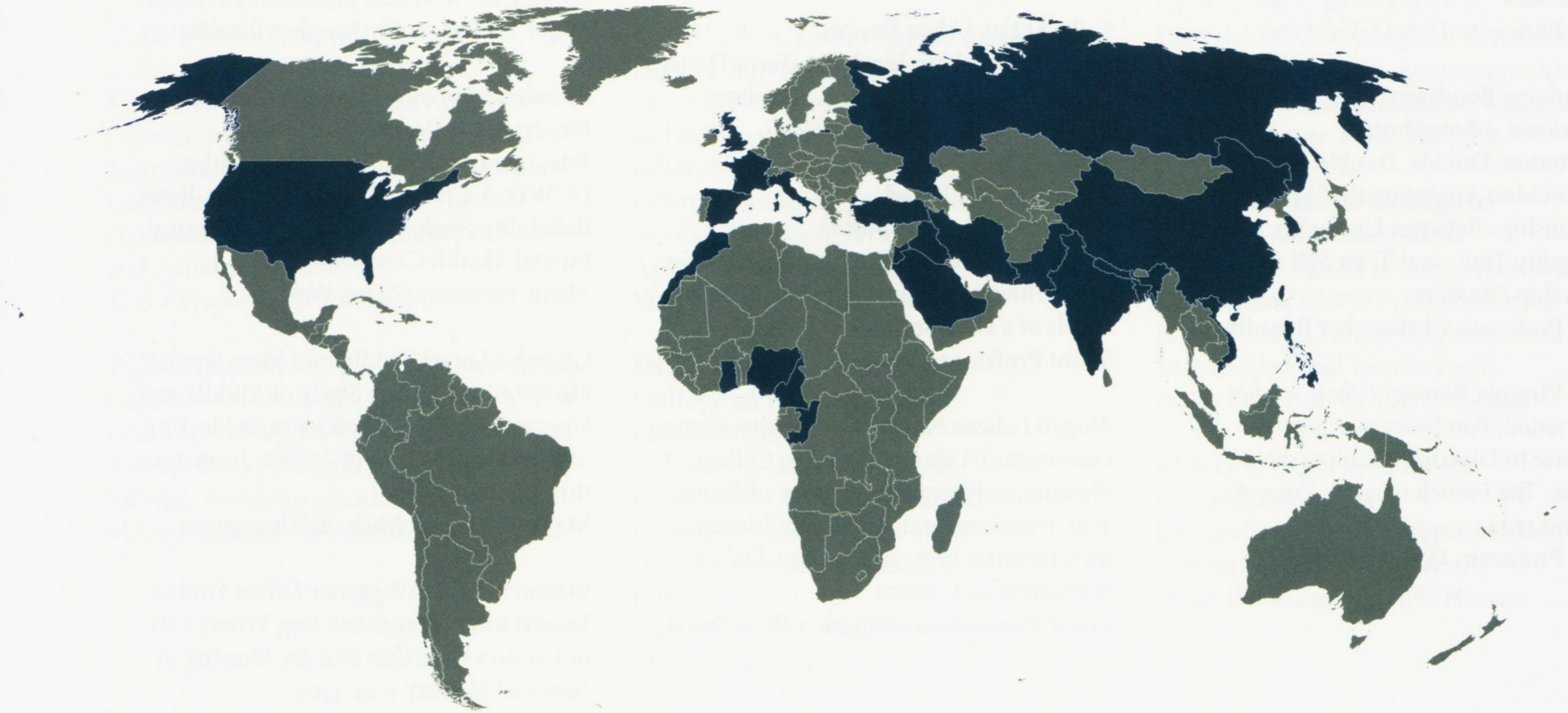


Countries | Spring 2025 graduating classes come from the following 24 areas abroad:

Bangladesh	Ghana	Jordan	Pakistan	Taiwan
Cameroon	India	Korea	Philippines	Turkey
China	Iran	Morocco	Russian Federation	United Kingdom
Congo	Iraq	Nepal	Saudi Arabia	Vietnam
France	Italy	Nigeria	Spain	



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Maniko Barthelemy *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: From Perception to Policy: Defining Willful Disobedience Through the Experience of Classroom Teachers in Louisiana
Major Professor: David Gladstone

Fay Ludvine Boudreaux
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Double, Double, Toils and Troubles: Analyzing the "Magical" Relationships Between University Leaders' Personality Traits and Their Self-Efficacy in Leadership Situations
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Helen Virginia Bouzon *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Foodways as Agentive Response to Disaster in Colonial New Orleans: The French Quarter Fires of 1788 and 1794
Major Professor: D. Ryan Gray

Danny Cole *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: A Quantitative Study of Faculty's Instructional Techniques and their Participation in Professional Development
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Kellie D Fox *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: After Ida, Long-Term Disaster Recovery in "Cancer Alley" Louisiana
Major Professor: Bethany Stich

Maryam Nabil Kased
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Re-Imagining Education for ELLs: How Educational Leaders Meet the Needs of a Diverse Student Population
Major Professor: Elizabeth Jeffers

Abigail Lukens *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Life after Leaving College: A Phenomenological Exploration of Senior-Year Transition and Future Self Ideation for Cisgender Women in a Post-Dobbs Sociopolitical Context
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Maggie E Madere
Educational Administration
Dissertation: English Literacy Instruction in the Early Elementary Years: An Ecological Grounded Theory of Teacher Decision Making in American Jewish Day Schools
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Brandon Lee Selby *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Development of the Integrated-Cultural Well-Being Index (ICWI): A Content Validity & Inter-Rater Reliability Study with Experts in Clinical Mental-Health Counseling
Major Professor: Zarus Watson

Chandra Lorrel Teddleton *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: A Case Study of Middle and Upper-Class Black Professionals Electing to Reside in the City of Atlanta from 2000 through 2010
Major Professor: Michelle Thompson

Brittany Nicole Waggener *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Reconstructing Wren's City of London Churches and the Shaping of National Identity 1941-1969
Major Professor: Bethany Stich

College of Sciences

Danielle E Allen *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Design and Development of an Ionic Liquid–Halloysite Nanohybrid Palladium Nanoparticle Catalyst: Synthesis and Catalytic Applications in Mizoroki–Heck, Suzuki–Miyaura, and Copper Free Sonogashira Reactions
Major Professor: Mark L Trudell

Mohamed Ramadan Abdelaty Elsheref *Chemistry* Dissertation: Photochemical Transformations of Crude Oil in Marine Environments: Temporal and Thermal Dynamics of Oxygenated Photoproducts and Genotoxic Effects
Major Professor: Matthew A Tarr

Taylor Elizabeth Murphy *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: The Molecular Response of Fish to Low Oxygen: From Phylogenetic Surveys to Experiments on the Gulf Killifish, Fundulus grandis
Major Professor: Bernard Rees

Roshni O'Neill *Chemistry*
Dissertation: The Role of Compositional and Structural Dimensionality in Dion-Jacobson Layered Perovskites: A Study of Double to Quadruple Layers by Synthetic and Computational Methods
Major Professor: Steven Rick & John Wiley

Amanda Ileen Rowan *Applied Psychology*
Dissertation: Neural Circuitry Linking Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Symptoms and Schizophrenia Risk in Children and Adolescents with Chromosome 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome: A Focus on Cortico-Striatal-Thalamo-Cortical Dysfunction Across Emerging Adolescence
Major Professor: Elliott Beaton

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Rasha R Alshawi
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: AI-Powered Inspection: A Computer Vision System for Efficient Defects Detection in Underground Infrastructures
Major Professor: Mahdi Abdelguerfi & Md Meftahul Ferdaus

Hamidreza Jalili
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Hydraulic Optimization of RTC Systems in Distributed Flood Routing
Major Professor: Lizette Chevalier

Soumyadip Patra
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Analysing Bell Experiments Through Test Factors: Applications to Randomness and Strength of Nonlocality
Major Professor: Peter Bierhorst

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Hiba Adel Aldosari *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Global Financial Crises, Economic and Financial Systems, and Sustainable Development Goals
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Abdulaziz Fahad H Alhaddab
Financial Economics
Dissertation: Financial Performance, Islamic Banking, and Gender Diversity
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Mohammed Alharbi *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Firm Performance, Sustainability, and Reputation
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Nayef Alkabbaa *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Capital Structure, ETF Flows, and Performance
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Yazeed Abdulaiz M Almoaheem *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Islamic Finance, Dividend Policy, and Performance of Insurance Firms
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Abdullah Abdulrahman Alshehri *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Sustainability Reporting, Global Uncertainty, Cost of Capital and Firm Performance: The Case of Global Energy Industry
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Hissah Altamimi *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: The Influence of Climate Concerns, Fintech, and Policy Uncertainty on Green and Carbon-Based Investments in Islamic and Conventional Finance
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Jose Antonio Perez Amuedo *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: The Impact of Subsidies on Firm Behavior
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Zeynullah Gider *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Climate Change, House Prices and Inequality in the United States
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

May Husein Abdallah Hammad *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Can Board Refreshment Mitigate Managerial Power: New Evidence from the MENA Region
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Nezha Hamoutan *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Corporate Risk Under Climate Capitalism: ESG Controversies, Climate Exposure, and the Cost of Equity
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

David William Hodgson *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Regulation, Competition, Risk, and Performance of the Banking Industry
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Nouf Rashed H Al Katheery *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Weather, Sustainability and Islamic Finance
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Sattam Ibrahim Bin Kowibeen *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Liquidity Creation, Bank Funding and Risk-Taking: The Role of ESG
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Tuan Anh Le *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: CEO Incentives and Firm Behavior: Insights from Crisis and Policy Interventions
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Alaa Mahmoud Abu Mallouh *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: The Power of Diversity: Board Diversity as a Driver of Enhanced ESG Performance
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Tawfiq Taleb Tahtamoni *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Financial Motivation, ESG Activities, and Firm Profitability
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Master's Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Master of Fine Arts

Mary Adams, *Fine Arts*
Vanessa Adams, *Fine Arts*
Babatunde Akinde, *Film & Theatre*
Stacey Bridewell, *Creative Writing*
Kailee Bal, *Fine Arts*
Karen Sherk Chio, *Creative Writing*
Melinda Compton, *Creative Writing*
Samuel Cooley, *Creative Writing*
Austin Cross, *Creative Writing*
Derek Dirckx, *Creative Writing*
Lin Flores, *Creative Writing*
Rebecca Garba, *Film & Theatre*
Ashleigh Gaude, *Fine Arts*
Lauren Grey, *Creative Writing*
Annalia Hopper, *Creative Writing*
Ali Jean Householder, *Creative Writing*
Kenzy Latham, *Film & Theatre*
Sheng-Lun Lin, *Film & Theatre*
Chance McAdam, *Film & Theatre*
Connor McLaughlin, *Film & Theatre*
Rudolph Melchiorre, *Film & Theatre*
Himshree Neupane, *Film & Theatre*
Christopher Noldt, *Creative Writing*
Abbigale Perkins, *Creative Writing*
Tyler Rosebush, *Fine Arts*
Caylee Sanders, *Film & Theatre*
Elizabeth Santana, *Creative Writing*
Feralucce Savage, *Film & Theatre*
Madison Smith, *Film & Theatre*
Danielle Unger, *Creative Writing*
Dixon Wingrove, *Creative Writing*
Marshall Woodworth, *Film & Theatre*

Master of Arts

Devin Ball, *Arts Administration*
Amanda Barr, *Romance Languages*
Kathleen Berger, *Romance Languages*
William Blanke, *English*
Harrison Bonaventure, *History*
Britt Brown, *English*
Cassady Brown, *History*
Eddie Brown, *History*
Abbey Caruso, *Arts Administration*
Lauren Crawford, *English*
Rebecca Davidsson, *Justice Studies*
Kade Davis, *History*
Staci Dennison, *Romance Languages*
Melissa Duet, *English*
Erleen Ellis, *History*
Gabriel Evans, *History*
Amanda Ferrygood, *Sociology*
Andrea Garces, *Arts Administration*
Lisa Garland, *English*
Portia Gordon, *Justice Studies*
Alexandra Griffin, *English*
Robyn Guillen, *Justice Studies*
Amy Hession, *Justice Studies*
Morgan Legardeur, *History*
Monique Legendre, *Justice Studies*
Eric Lincoln, *Justice Studies*
Andrew Maher, *Arts Administration*
Erica Martinez, *Justice Studies*
Amanda Mester, *Justice Studies*
Isabel Naquin, *History*
Deana Patterson, *History*
Price Payne, *English*
Nicholas Porter, *Sociology*
Ciel Quebedeaux, *Sociology*
Jordan Richardson, *English*
Anna Scott, *History*
Elliott Stamps, *History*
Kathryn Torrago, *History*
Alexa Torres, *English*
Larry Williams, *Romance Languages*

Master of Arts in Teaching

Kyra Boyette,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12

Master's Degrees

Catherine Debuys,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Danielle Westbrook,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5

Master of Education
Gene Durand, *Higher Education Administration*
James Glisson, *Higher Education Administration*
Ke Ron Jackson, *Higher Education Administration*
Ciera Leboeuf, *Counselor Education*
Kayla Michot, *Counselor Education*
Jerome Perkins, *Higher Education Administration*
Cheyenne Walker, *Educational Leadership*
Megan Williams, *Counselor Education*
Alexis Wilson, *Educational Leadership*
Yuwan Viros, *Higher Education Administration*

Master of Public Administration
Kim James
Jannah Sharpe

Master of Science
Lisa Black, *Urban Studies*
Destiny Brown, *Urban Studies*
Lynn Cai, *Urban Studies*
Christopher Groh, *Transportation*
Tyler Hanson, *Transportation*
Alexandra Holliday, *Transportation*

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Arden Summers Kleinpeter
Andrew John Tritch
Alexander Weiner

Graduate Certificate Disaster Management & Community Resilience
Kellie Fox

Graduate Certificate Geographic Information Systems
Lynn Cai
Andrew Good
Eric Hokanson
Andrew Tritch
Alexander Weiner

Graduate Certificate Historic & Cultural Preservation
Lisa Black
Harrison Bonaventure
Kathryn Torrago

College of Sciences
Master of Science
Emily Bowers, *Biological Sciences*
Lydia Dipaola, *Biological Sciences*
Austin Erwin, *Psychology*
Jack Ha, *Computer Science*
Julianna Berger Harding, *Biological Sciences*
Jacy Haynes, *Biological Sciences*
Kaila Johnson, *Biological Sciences*
Marcus Knox, *Computer Science*
Christopher Moore, *Computer Science*
Jared Stevens, *Psychology*
Jared Tassin, *Computer Science*
Padam Thapa, *Computer Science*

Graduate Certificate Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
Rasha Alshawi
Marcus Knox
Christopher Moore
Padam Thapa

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering
Master of Science in Engineering
Samuel Awenti
Rebekah Fortes
Jason Franicevich

Mazdak Gorji
Kiara Horton
Aayush Khadka
Mohammad Kojidi
Tamera Lepore
Reed Menszer
Tyler Rau
Heath Schmidt
George Selden
Patrick Washington

Master of Science in Engineering Management

Oluwafemi Ayinde
Nabonita Das
Quentin De La Garza
Kieron Haynes
Yasmine Khalil
Xavius Levy
Toni Peters
Leen Seder
Matthew Smith
Van Welch
Kirsten Wunder

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering

Frederick Hamilton
Aayush Khadka

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Wojoud Alomran
Emad Alshawabkeh Sr
Vera Beltrame
Jami Comeaux
Michelle Faye
Melissa Fenderson
Gayle Gardner
Tatiana Lowe
Jan Magundayao
Justin Montz
My Pham
Dylan Rouzan
Spencer Tillman
Matthew Weber

Master of Science

Hanan Adam, *Finance*
Molly Alexander, *Accounting*
Hanadi Albogami, *Finance*
Mughram Alshehri, *Finance*
Courtney Assavedo, *Accounting*
Ada Boutchard, *Tax Accounting*
Margaret Diaz-Fugetta, *Finance*
Amanda Giacona, *Health Care Management*
Shane Goins, *Accounting*
Alexis Graves, *Accounting*
Tiffany Hall, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
Melissa Hampton, *Accounting*
LeKizzie Harris, *Tax Accounting*
Michelle Hartley, *Accounting*
Tettis Holmes, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
Yavella Ingram, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
Charla Johnson, *Health Care Management*
Elizabeth King, *Accounting*
Jenna LaBruzza, *Accounting*
Jennifer Lawrence, *Health Care Management*
Catherine Lenihan, *Accounting*
Shanay Mason, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
Pierce Matthews, *Finance*
Taylor Mayer, *Accounting*
Muhanned Obeidat, *Finance*
Ethan Pipitone, *Accounting*
Kade Rivera, *Accounting*
Emily Simons, *Accounting*
Saje Sorina, *Tax Accounting*
Michael Stern, *Finance*
Hala Tawaha, *Finance*
Courtney Willhoft, *Accounting*
Melissa Williams, *Health Care Management*
Sumaiya Zaman, *Finance*
Xuan Zhao, *Finance*

Undergraduate Degrees

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Randy D Kearns D.H.A., Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Aishah Abdalah
Colby Adriano
Samuel Albert
Eduardo Alvarez
Avery Arnold✧
Sylena Badie
Billye Ballou□
Anthony Beavers
Cameron Boni
Garrett Bonura
Clare Brennan
Michael Brown✧
Francisco Calderon
Lloyd Calegan□
Thorin Campo
Michael Cancienne
Miles Chapman
Sara Clawson
Matthew Coates
Dasha Cole
Quentin Coludrovich
Matthew Cox
Annie Crowder
Willie Cruell III
Thaddeus Daniels
Emma Davis✧
Rachel Delaney✧
Isabelle Fortier
Riley Frechou
Angelina Gallo✧
Garrett Garay
Shelia Gaudin
Faust Gervais◇
Brandie Goff
Jeremy Grego◇
Angelica Gutierrez
Nathaniel Harwood□
Joyce Horn□
Nicholas Hutson
Miguel Iscoa
Yosselin Jauregui✧
AJ Johnson
A'kia Johnson
Ashanti Johnson
Larry Jones
Aaron Jordan◇
Lauren Kandt
Justin Lanzilotti✧
Frank Lechler◇
Courtney Mahler
Joseph Mangold
Ella Mayfield◇
Tyra Miles
Aiden Morriss□
Michelle Nata✧
Alyssa Newsham
Gloria Nimtz
Nukhba Noor
Marlisa Norman
Sloane Norton
Audrey Owen◇
Jala Owens
Mai Pham□
Madisyn Piglia
Audrey Punches✧
Velma Rankins
William Roaf✧
Angelo Robinson
Caroline Rowe◇
Caleb Rowell
Inas Saad□
Rafael Sangel□
Jarezly Santana
Ashley Schilling
Kevon Singleton
Darrius Smith
Malachi Smith

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude

Christina Smothers✧
Mark Thomas
Joshua Trochez
Lucia Upham
Diego Villescas
Christopher Willis
Andrew Wilt◇
Jayden Zheng

Bachelor of Science
Rose Ayyad
Ally Baudouin
Madison Berger
Joshua Bernard✧
Jami Catania
Chance Edwards✧
Rebecca Gaffney
Keith Greene
Jamiryana Hall
Kaylee Hebert□
Duaa Ibrahim✧
Steven Maddox
Quynh Phan◇
Yen Phan✧
Katherine Reyes□
Prachi Rojiwadia
Lindsey Rossano◇
Sierra Senko✧
Jesenia Sierra
Aniya Spencer
Vanessa Steinkamp
Kendra Thiry□
Madison Todaro□
Salena Tran◇
Jessica Trigo✧
Megan West✧

College of Sciences

Steven G Johnson Ph.D., Interim Dean

Bachelor of Science
Safa Abdalah
Danielle Adams
Tamera Adejare
Emily Albarado◇
Jackelin Altamirano
Megan Armand
Matthew Armbruster◇
Malak Askar
Hannah Autry
Angela Baldosse✧
Britnee Barber□
Justin Bell
Emily Beyerback✧
Javeria Bilal
Lyons Blum◇
Emma Bourgeois✧
Natalia Bracamonte
William Braham
Brooke Brandt
Ami Brooks
Emily Broussard◇
Krystal Brown
Shamirah Bryant
Jason Buras
Aizlynn Burton
Alberto Fernandez-Caldera
Sara Chaar
Lily Clift□
Gage Cochrane
Jessica Comeaux□
Julien Cook
Kaylee Cote
Cameron Cummings◇
Alex Dang✧
Tadian Dang◇
Auja Daniels
Ganga Das□
Dylan Davidson
Michaela Dennies
Eshaa Desai
William Dicken
Abigail Dietz□
Dan Do◇
Nicholas Dobard
Ali Dupont□
Sayf Faris

Omar Fattah
Brooklyn Ferlita
Matthew Fisher□
Theodore Freeman◇
Jenan Ghannam✧
Zaki Ghannam✧
Juan Gomez□
Madison Gottschalk
Malakia Gowan
Madalyn Haas✧
Mary Habeb
John Haley Jr
Ranya Hamdan
Hubert Hancock
Kayla Hawkins
Blake Hoisington✧
Michael Holcomb
Michael Howard□
Trieu Huynh◇
Kendel Irvin
Ameer Isaid
Lei'leh Itayem□
Khalil Jebreel
Dalia Jones
Ammar Kadic
Alysa Lagarde
Nicole Lagarde
Avery Landeche□
Emily Lavender
Jimmy Le
Laila Lee
Emily Lefler
Jacob Lefort
Sydnie Lewis
Alyssa Lloyd
Genesis Lopez✧
Maedchen Lyons
Shyne Magraff
Paula Marquez
Kayla Marshall
Valentina Mattos
Summer Mcelwee
Joshua Mehojevich□
Graciela Mejia
Lavender Merrill◇
Sarah Meyer
Danara Mosby
Amr Mostafa
Ahlam Nassar
Saja Nassar
Summer Neumiller
Andy Nguyen✧
Christian Nguyen
Justin Nguyen✧
Minh-Hieu Nguyen✧
Mylien Nguyen✧
Nicholas Nguyen
Tam Nguyen✧
Catherine Nicosia◇
Afra Noman
Jasmine Ownby
Adaline Palmisano
Victoria Pham
Angela Phan
Anh Phi
Maya Phillips
Esther Pineda
Serena Poche◇
John Price Jr□
Chloé Quinette
Vivian Ramirez✧
Joshua Reynoso
Alaina Riess□
Victoria Rodomista
Miguel Sanchez
Marnisia Satcher
Alexander Saunier◇
Christina Scavo□
Kailen Schayot
Jonathan Schowalter□
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Elizabeth Dixon
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The Alma Mater

UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.
Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Arts Teaching (MAT) – Light Blue
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Economics – Copper
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
French – White
General Business Administration – Drab
Health Care Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Spanish – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

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University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

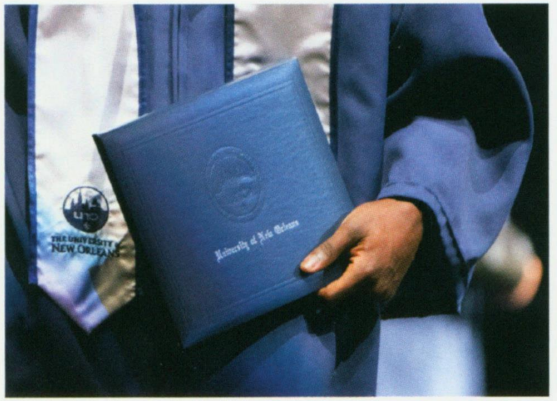
The President's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

The University of New Orleans Alumni Association provides fun and meaningful opportunities for graduates to stay connected to and engaged with UNO. The association hosts alumni events year-round, promotes the success of UNO students and builds awareness of UNO's importance to our community and region. In addition to discounts on insurance products, car rentals, UNO bookstore purchases, library and fitness center privileges, the benefits of membership also include opportunities for professional networking and leadership development, a business directory for UNO-run businesses and more. Visit **unomatrix.com** to register for a free membership and receive your digital membership card!



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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.